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DHS Responses to Open Records Requests in March 2012

The DHS responds to numerous requests for public records. Requests for confidential records by people who are permitted by law to receive them are not listed here.

- During January and February the department responded to a December 13 request for information from the Brown Winick law firm of Des Moines, which represents the runner-up bidder for a large Iowa Medicaid contract. Hundreds of public documents created in the process of evaluating responses to the RFP were provided to the law firm at no cost. On Jan 13 the law firm requested a search of thousands of emails. Many emails were provided. The fee for the time needed to review the emails was \$3,055.
- On March 2 the department responded to a Feb. 28 request from Timberline Billing Service of Des Moines. Timberline wanted a report on Medicaid payments made to all LEA, AEA, and Infant and Toddler providers for the previous calendar year. There was no charge.
- On March 7 the department responded to a Feb. 28 request for information from Tony Leys of the Des Moines Register. Tony wanted information on waiting lists and waiting times for people who want admission to each of the DHS facilities. There was no fee.
- On March 9 the department responded to a Feb. 28 request from Brad Bosworth of Nevada. Brad wanted information regarding records of child support payments that are maintained by county officials. There was no fee.
- On March 21 the department responded to a March 6 request for information from the Nierman law firm of Coralville, Iowa. Nierman wanted the amount of claims and reimbursements to Planned Parenthood of Southeast Iowa and Planned Parenthood of the Heartland regarding a specific combination of Common Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes and diagnosis codes. There was no fee to provide the answers.
- On March 22 the department responded to a March 8 request for information from Bernard Nesbit of Harvey, Iowa. Mr. Nesbit wanted information regarding the structure and leadership of the DHS Field Division. There was no fee.